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You will recall that about a month ago I informed you about a conference on Gorbachev's First Year in Power to be held on 6-7 May. Enclosed is the agenda for that conference. Please note that no overnight accommodations are provided. I would appreciate knowing your attendance plans by 24 April.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

GORBACHEV'S FIRST YEAR IN POWER

Holiday Inn - Manassas
May 6-7, 1986

Tuesday
May 6

11:00 a.m. Check-In

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. PANEL I

. Gorbachev's Political Progress

- Paper 1: **"Gorbachev's First Year: A Political Balance Sheet"**

.. should review the political successes and failures of Gorbachev's year and include a discussion of his strength in the Politburo, the party bureaucracy, the Council of Ministers, the military, and the KGB

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- Paper 2: **"Turnover in the Soviet Elite Under Gorbachev: Implications for Soviet Politics"**

.. should profile the "Gorbachev elite" and any significant sub-groups that exist within its ranks, describing how, if at all, those promoted to high-level positions under Gorbachev differ from their predecessors and assessing the political impact of the high-level personnel turnover that has occurred

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2:30 p.m. Discussion of Papers 1 and 2

Discussant:

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4:15 p.m. Conclusion of Panel I

4:45 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. PANEL II

. Gorbachev and the Economy: Policy and Prospects

- Paper 1: **"Gorbachev's Industrial Modernization Program: Feasibility, Benefits and Costs"**

.. should review the goals of Gorbachev's industrial modernization program and assess both its prospects and its implications for Soviet economic performance and resource allocation

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- Paper 2: **"The Role of Reform in Gorbachev's Economic Strategy"**

.. should discuss the status of and prospects for economic reform under Gorbachev and assess whether Gorbachev can achieve the economic objectives he has set without introducing major changes in the Soviet economic system

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7:30 p.m. Discussion Papers 1 and 2

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9:15 p.m. Conclusion of Panel II

9:30 p.m. Informal Social Hour

Wednesday
May 7

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. PANEL III

. Implications of Gorbachev's Domestic Policies for the United States

- Paper 1: **"Gorbachev's Foreign and Security Policies: The Prospects for Retrenchment"**

.. should discuss those aspects of Gorbachev's domestic agenda that could incline him toward reaching a temporary accommodation with the United States in an effort to buy breathing space. The paper should discuss whether such a strategy is likely to enjoy domestic political support.

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- Paper 2: **"Gorbachev's Foreign and Security Policies: The Reassertion of Soviet Influence"**

.. should discuss those aspects of Gorbachev's domestic agenda that suggest he is trying to reassert

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Soviet influence as quickly as possible to regain the ground he perceives as having been lost since the later Brezhnev period. The paper should discuss the domestic political support such a strategy would enjoy.

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10:30 a.m. Discussion Papers 1 and 2

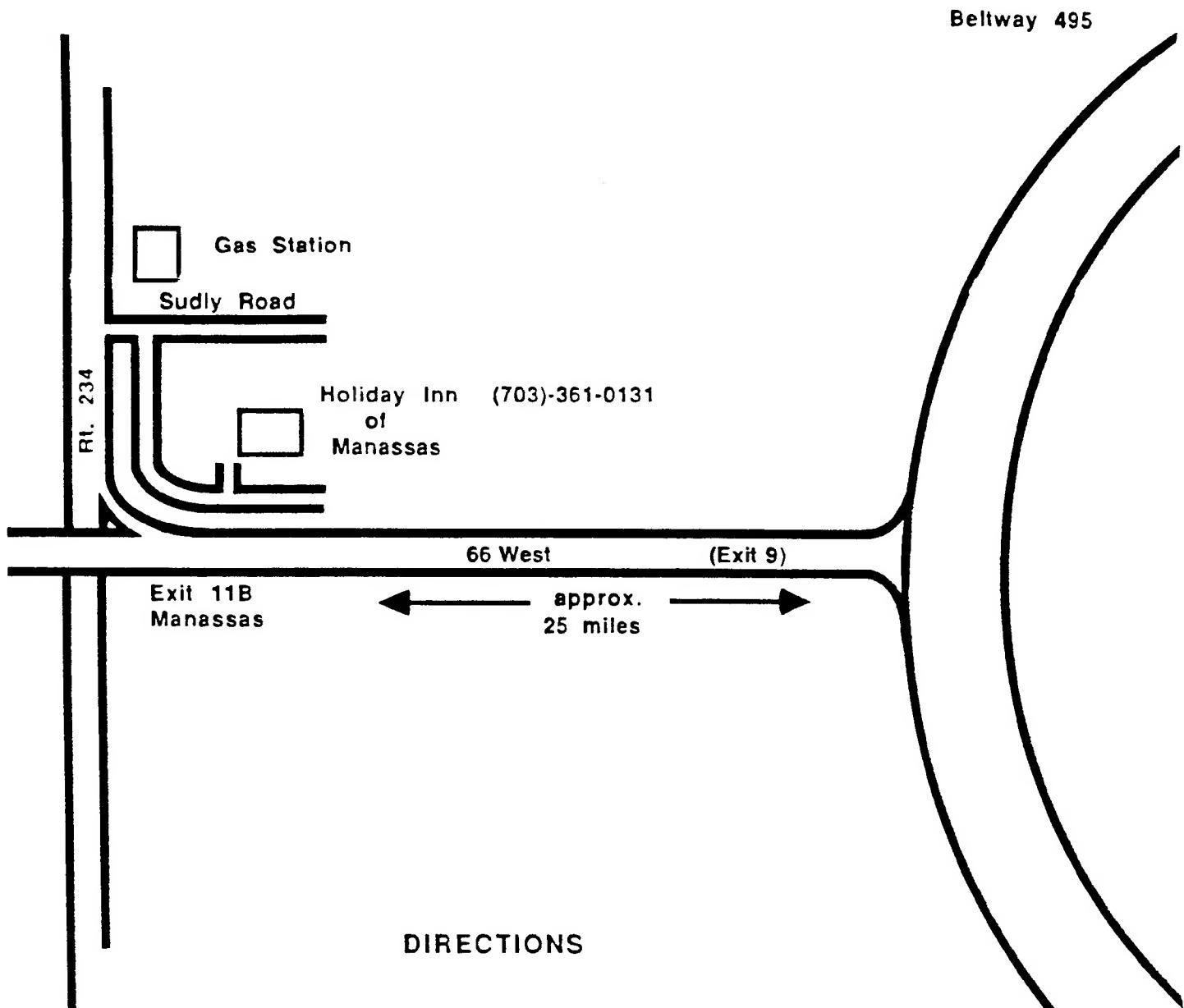
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11:30 a.m. Conclusion of Panel III

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Meeting adjourned



From the Beltway (495), take Exit 9 (66W). Continue on 66W for about 25 miles to Exit 11B (Manassas). (You will see the Holiday Inn on your right from 66.) Merge onto Route 234 and take the first right onto Sudly Road. Then, take an immediate right onto the approach leading to the hotel.